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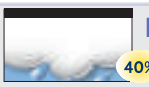

Lacking innovation

Our socio-economic status slipping due to low creativity: Study

manufacturing sector

» Golden said the struggling manufacturing sector needs to start making products people will want to use in the future, instead of clinging to things that have been successful in the past, like SUVs.

What can be summed up as a lack of creativity and foresight is weighing down the economy, the healthcare system and the environment, while weakening Canada's ability to compete globally, according to a Conference Board of Canada report card to be released today.

For years the country's poor innovation record and low productivity levels have been "masked by good fortune," said Anne Golden, president and chief executive officer. The once-low Canadian dollar, close Canada-U.S. ties and more recently, high commodity prices, all have buoyed our socio-economic status. But in truth, she said, "we've been more lucky than smart."

In the report's innovation category, Canada ranked 13 out of the 17 countries studied, receiving the lowest given grade — a D.

The board considered a variety of indicators to compile the grades, and for the first time conducted a historical comparison, looking at data as old as four decades old.

"What was startling is we have had a D in innovation all the way through," Golden said. "No wonder we're slipping."

The report says Canada's deteriorating transportation infrastructure, longer hospital wait times, and the affordability of social programs are all linked to its "innovation problem." Canada has failed to keep pace with competition for global investment, the report says, and its economy has slumped from third place in the 1970s to 11th today.

"Part of it is we aren't as risk-oriented as others," Golden said. "And that's not right across the board — the BlackBerry is a great example of innovation. Unfortunately, you're hard-pressed to name another." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Proud moment

Metro's Enza Supermodel was front and centre as Grand Marshal of the Pride Parade yesterday, enjoying the ride courtesy of Ford, which donated a silver Mustang convertible. More coverage, pages 3 and 4.

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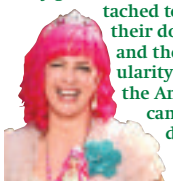

Toronto shows its Pride

Annual parade puts end to week of events

water guns

» Dykes on Bikes, who traditionally lead the way, fired up their motorcycles and the parade lurched into motion. The equally traditional Supersoaker water guns splashed their first victims.

A place for everything and everything in its place.

But how do you look a group of naked men in the eye — the eye! — and tell them where they should be standing? And who decides that?

"Who knows? I'm just given a list," said Bob Fisher who, clipboard in hand, was helping put Toronto's 28th annual Pride Parade into the right order yesterday.

As for the TNT! — Totally Naked Toronto — guys, he was phlegmatic. "When they first joined in, they were pretty out there," he said. "Now, nobody seems to look twice."

Fisher, 57, has been a volunteer since the early days, "when you tried to make sure you were never in line with a camera. Things have changed, thank God. People say the parade has gone commercial but gays who went through the nightmare days of the '70s and early '80s like being mainstream."

Three hours before the 2 p.m. start at Church and Bloor streets, the parade set-up was well underway.

Wilshaw and Graham Rodgers have been coming to the parade, "a brilliant party," from Sheffield, England, for the past eight years. Their outfits were little more than chains, metal jockstraps and ferocious-looking body piercings.

"We work for the Tesco supermarket chain," said Rodgers. "Of course they know about this. They love it." Where had they left their clothes? "These are our clothes," said Wilshaw, straight-faced.

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Local Spaniards revel in Euro victory

TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Spanish fans pour out of Plaza Flamingo and onto College Street yesterday afternoon to celebrate Spain's 1-0 win over Germany in the Euro Cup final.

Like many other Spanish fans, Pilar Lamprea gazed up toward the heavens as the dying seconds ticked off the clock during yesterday's Euro soccer final.

But unlike the others, she was not thanking celestial beings for the victory. She was thinking of her father, who died last year. He was the biggest soccer fan she's ever known.

She was among hundreds who formed a sea of red inside the Plaza Flamingo on College Street yesterday for the tournament final match, pitting Spain against Germany. The elated crowd spilled out onto the street following its team's 1-0 triumph, which ended Spain's 44-year drought at the European championship level.

But as happy as most fans were, few could match the joy felt by the half-Spanish Lamprea, who was on hand with her husband and her best friend.

"I am absolutely thrilled," she said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Woman, 21, found dead in Markham rave club

The death of a 21-year-old B.C. woman found unconscious on the floor at a Markham rave club this weekend has some residents urging Club Rio be shut down because it brings drugs and violence into their community.

Police were called to the club on Woodbine Avenue after security guards found the woman lying alone and unconscious at the back of the club at around 4:30 a.m. Saturday.

She wasn't breathing, the security guards could not find a pulse, and she was frothing at the mouth. After an autopsy yesterday was unable to pinpoint the cause of death, police said it could take months to complete toxicology results.

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open, closed

» While many people may be taking today off to stretch their Canada Day holiday into a four-day weekend, closures won't take place until tomorrow.
» Beer and liquor stores, banks, post offices and other government buildings will all be open today before closing tomorrow.
» Meanwhile, celebrations will also close down some city streets tomorrow.
» Events at Queen's Park will close the area from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. for a celebration that is expected to draw 10,000 people. Road closures in effect from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. include: Queen's Park Crescent East at Wellesley Street West, Grosvenor Street and College Street; Queen's Park Crescent West at Hoskin Avenue and College Street; Grosvenor Street from Queen's Park Crescent East to Surrey Place.
» East York's Canada Day Parade will shut down Cosburn Avenue from Cedarvale Avenue to Oak Avenue from 8 a.m. to noon.
» Scarborough's Canada Day Parade starts at 5 p.m. and will form in front of the Civic Centre on Borough Drive and head westbound down Omni Drive, south down Brimley Road, ending at Lawrence Avenue East. From 2:30-6 p.m., Borough Drive, south of Town Centre Court and Omni Drive, from Brimley Road to Borough Drive will be closed to traffic. From 4:30-8:30 p.m., Brimley Road from Progress Avenue to Lawrence Avenue East will also be closed.

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»news In Brief

» **DEATH** Chris Lafanzanidis, a 69-year-old Bolton man who police suspect was in the early stages of dementia, vanished last Thursday afternoon and was found dead yesterday in a ravine near the Cold Creek Conservation area. Police do not suspect foul play.

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the hot ticket

by enza supermodel

Enza the supermodel brings Metro readers the weekly scoop on Toronto's hottest parties and events.

If you would you like your event featured in the hot ticket, e-mail: enza.supermodel@metronews.ca

ABOVE LEFT: PRIDE GALA Pride parade co-ordinator Francis Yap. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Labatt Brewery key account manager Chris Butcher with wife Stacey Butcher.

PRIDE & REMEMBRANCE RUN Runaway Brides, Rejean Beaudin, left, and Miss C.

PRIDE GALA Gala guests, from left, Mandy Davison, Angie Camara and Tania Paulozzo.

PRIDE GALA International Grand Marshal Gareth Henry.

PRIDE ON CHURCH STREET Revellers Michael McGaraughty and Eileen Akitt.

PRIDE GALA The Bernhard family, from left, nephew Zane, aunt Sandra and niece Carlyn.

PRIDE ON CHURCH STREET TD muscle boys Tyler Sarry, left, and Norman Rojas.

PRIDE ON CHURCH STREET From left, Const. Wendy Lane, Sgt. Mia Poscente and Cpl. Heather Dickinson

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A Toronto senior has offered up what's thought to be the largest private Canadian donation to date to help survivors of Burma's cyclone. Joseph Lariviere donated $110,000 to the Burmese Buddhist Association of Ontario last week for its relief program for Burma. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mayor's Cup **Going to bat for cricket**

AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto Mayor David Miller connects during the Mayor's Cup Saturday at Sunnybrook Park. Many cricket enthusiasts turned out to the CIMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants) event, created to heighten awareness of cricket. CIMA and the Royal Bank have put together a project to send a team of under-20 players to the U.K. for training in August. The trip includes training, coaching clinics, a series of matches and taking in a few pro games.

Birthday for Bowmanville

'Cow Town' marks 150th anniversary

Oh, to be a cow in Bowmanville 150 years ago. You could wander where you pleased, graze in yards, even stroll the streets.

That's a piece of historical trivia unearthed for the town's 150th anniversary celebrations this weekend. It's why Bowmanville came to be known as "Cow Town."

The idyllic life of cows was enshrined in 1853 when a bylaw prohibited livestock from roaming freely. Dairy cattle were exempted, probably because many folks kept a milk cow for their own use. But many others didn't, and the two sides locked horns.

"The cow debate went on for years and years," says Martha Rutherford Conrad at Clarington Museums and Archives. "It divided the town. There were huge, yelling fights on the council floor."

The good life for dairy cows lasted until 1899, when they were ordered behind fences.

"It's not about graveyards and buildings," Kevin Anyan says of the new commemorative book he co-edited for the occasion. "It's about the people, the stories of our town."

And stories flow freely as residents dust off their memories and photo albums.

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sesquicentennial

» Agriculture is just one theme during celebrations of Bowmanville's sesquicentennial, which began Thursday and winds up tomorrow.

Centre to provide free human rights legal advice

While it remains to be seen whether a new human rights system that takes effect in Ontario today will be an improvement over its predecessor, people with discrimination complaints probably won't have to worry about hiring a lawyer.

Nearly two dozen lawyers and paralegals have been hired for a new human rights legal support centre that's been set up in Toronto to provide free legal advice to complainants as well as representation before a tribunal.

Raj Anand, who heads the board of the new centre, believes it delivers a complete answer to critics who were afraid people complaining of human rights violations would be left on their own to battle employers or government agencies in discrimination cases.

The new system revolves around the concept of giving complainants "direct access" to an adjudicator. Under the old system, the Ontario Human Rights Commission would first launch an investigation into a complaint before deciding whether it deserved a hearing. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

hours of operation

» The legal support centre, at 400 University Ave., plans to be open Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Thursdays, when it will be 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 7 p.m. For further information, go to *www.hrlsc.on.ca*.

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The president of the Canadian Dermatology Association said yesterday Canada is facing a shortage of dermatologists as skin cancer rates continue to rise. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cities waiting for infrastructure funds

Promised federal money remains in Tories' pockets

In his 2007 budget, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty promised a windfall for Ontario towns and cities — $3.1 billion to help pay for highways, water projects and public transit.

Eighteen months later, municipalities have yet to see a dime. The money, part of Ottawa's Building Canada Fund that earmarks $8.8 billion for infrastructure nationwide, has been tied up while the federal government negotiates the details with Queen's Park.

commitment from feds

» The Federation of Canadian Municipalities can only account for one municipality in Canada actually having a project approved for funding under the program — a $20-million commitment for an arena complex in Regina.

Ontario cities aren't alone in waiting. Money from the Building Canada fund has yet to go to cities in Quebec, Alberta or Manitoba because Transport Minister Lawrence Cannon is still negotiating the required framework agreements with those provincial governments as well.

Municipal officials say they've now lost two construction seasons due to the funding delays and some fear next season could be in jeopardy, too, unless the hurdles are soon cleared. That's causing mounting frustration as the backlog of work grows and project costs rise.

Frustration among municipal officials boiled over at the recent annual meeting of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in Quebec City as federal officials found themselves grilled about the status of the program.

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Cleaning up government

The centrepiece of the Conservatives' election promise to clean up government goes into effect the day after Canada Day when senior government and public-service officials will be banned from immediately making the leap into lucrative lobbying careers.

election

» The Lobbying Act was a key part of the Conservatives' 2005 election taglines for more accountability.

But government watchdogs say there are so many loopholes in the Lobbying Act that the legislation will have little impact on the long-standing trend of politicians and bureaucrats profiting handsomely from their government experience.

The statute will introduce a "cooling off" period that will require ministers, staffers and senior public officials to wait a minimum of five years before becoming lobbyists. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver **Surf city here we come**

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Liam Benhamer, left, jumps while riding a skim board yesterday as Megan Bridges watches at Spanish Banks Beach in Vancouver.

»news In Brief

» **ARCTIC** A high-powered group of international experts is warning a "no-holds-barred" race for Arctic resources could shape up unless countries around the world move faster to reach agreements on development, safety and environmental standards.

» **CASINO** Lawyers for the Ontario government are looking into Casino Rama payments made to a First Nation that doesn't officially exist as at least one chief has called for an investigation.

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Canada Day means carbon tax for B.C.

Premier admits government has to sell new tax

On Canada Day, British Columbians will likely be paying the highest gas prices in the country, thanks to a new provincial carbon tax that adds almost 2.5 cents to a litre of fuel and has turned service stations into the province's latest political battle ground.

Campbell

Motorists are doing more than filling up at their local gas stations. They're fuming about gas politics.

Premier Gordon Campbell admits his government has a selling job to do on its new green tax, the first escalating consumer tax on carbon in Canada. The government's carbon tax, introduced last February and effective July 1, will be phased in over five years to give people time to adjust and begin to understand there is a cost associated with generating harmful greenhouse gases.

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Fuels Act damage control

Federal bureaucrats were so uneasy about Ottawa's dismal progress in greening its vehicle fleet that efforts were made to prepare officials for damage control, recently released documents show.

Their concern centred around the application of the Alternative Fuels Act, which aimed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by directing the government to buy vehicles, or convert existing ones, to operate on alternative fuels, such as ethanol, natural gas and propane.

More than a decade after the act passed, only seven per cent of federal vehicles can run on those fuels.

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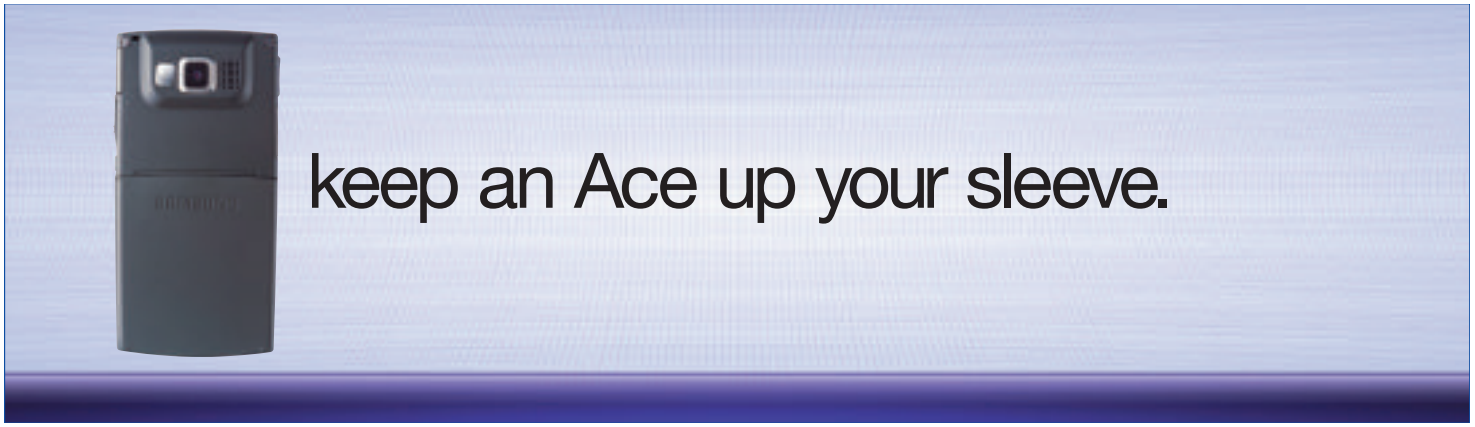

Montreal City Hall is waiting for a response from its provincial government after asking last week to have business hours extended to 8 p.m. from its current closing time of 5 p.m. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rafe Mair absolved of comments

A decision by Canada's top court Friday opens the door to greater freedom of expression in Canada without fear of legal action. The Supreme Court of Canada has absolved former Vancouver radio personality Rafe Mair of defamation for a commentary in which he made reference to the Ku Klux Klan and Adolf Hitler. In the 9-0 judgment, the court ruled that Mair was engaging in fair comment in the 1999 radio editorial critical of Kari Simpson, a high-profile player in a campaign opposing the use of teaching materials about gay lifestyles in local schools.

Mair

The ruling also broadens the case for libel defences.

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Injured families

Afghanistan war affecting more than soldiers: Study

They are the invisible victims of Canada's military efforts around the world.

The families of wounded soldiers released from active duty due to severe disabilities are poorer, less healthy and less socially active, says a study prepared for Veterans Affairs Canada.

Soldiers who can no longer serve in the military receive full pensions, but the University of Alberta study suggests their families still struggle.

The soldiers surveyed were between 25 and 65, were suffering full impairment to most of their bodies and were often battling emotional, psychiatric and psychological conditions.

The study found financial pressures and an overwhelming and relentless sense of responsibility for the caregiver.

The report, titled Wounded Veterans, Wounded Families, revealed high levels of need and little compensation for the severely disabled veterans and their families, many of whom were also trying to earn a living and raise young children.

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Ginna McDermott, holds a photograph of her husband, Cpl. Shawn McDermott, yesterday at her Calgary home. Ginna's husband is serving with the Canadian military in Afghanistan.

Dion looking to Oz for help selling green plan

Liberals studying Australian PM

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion is looking Down Under for the key to defeating Stephen Harper's Conservatives.

Dion acknowledged yesterday his risky decision to make a carbon tax the cornerstone of the upcoming Liberal platform was influenced, at least in part, by the example of Australia's Kevin Rudd. The Labour leader won last November's election in Australia by promising bold action on climate change and defeating the right leaning John Howard.

strategy

» Liberal strategists, aware that Harper modelled himself after Howard, admit to studying Howard to better understand Harper.

For his part, Harper appears eager to continue playing the Howard role, trying to puncture Dion's green-shift plan with dire predictions that the Liberal leader will "screw everyone" with his "tax on everything." THE CANADIAN PRESS

»news In Brief

» **SPACE** The Canadian Space Agency announced yesterday 5,000 people with dreams of going into space have applied for the chance to become one of Canada's next two astronauts. The agency opened up registration to an online application recently.

» **DRUGS** Drivers who are suspected of getting behind the wheel while high on drugs will soon be forced to undergo mandatory roadside sobriety tests when new rules kick in this week, the Tories announced Friday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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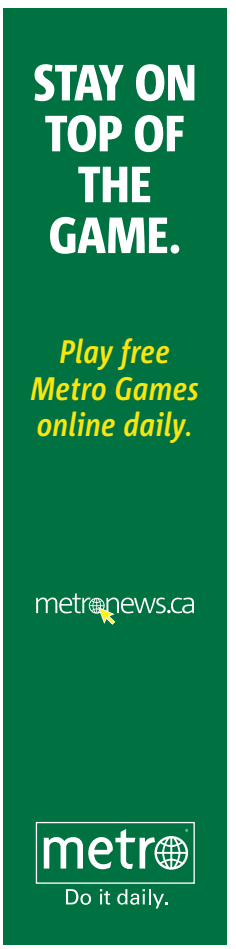

world

Officials at a school in Lund, southern Sweden, have confiscated birthday invitations handed out in class by an eight-year-old boy because he failed to invite two boys who were not his friends. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Anglican rebels make demands

Dissident Anglicans condemned their counterparts in the mainstream church yesterday but stopped short of causing a formal schism that would split the world's third-largest Christian denomination in two.

After a weeklong conference in Jerusalem, 1,148 embittered Anglicans issued a 14-point statement denouncing conventional Anglicans for promoting "false" teachings on sexual preference.

They proposed setting up a council of primates to promote conservative views on doctrine, and establishing a church structure so dissident Anglicans in North America can unite around their beliefs. Such an arrangement would see disgruntled Canadian Anglicans taking their guidance from Archbishop Gregory Venables, a dissident leader and primate of the southern cone, based in Buenos Aires.

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structure

» The dissidents — who say they represent 35 million of 77 million Anglicans — called for creation of new structures within the church that would permit them to practise their faith as they choose and not leave them beholden to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Israel to free gunman

Cabinet OK's Hezbollah prisoner deal

The Israeli government agreed yesterday to free Samir Kantar, a Lebanese gunman accused of one of the grisliest attacks in Israel's history, in exchange for the bodies of two Israeli soldiers killed by Hezbollah guerrillas.

Kantar's crimes

» Samir Kantar is serving multiple life sentences for killing three Israelis in 1979 — a 28-year-old man, his four-year-old daughter and an Israeli police officer. Witnesses claimed Kantar smashed the little girl's head against a rock and crushed her skull with a rifle butt.

Israel's cabinet voted 22-3 to OK a deal that will see the return of the bodies of Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev, captured by Hezbollah in a July 2006 cross-border raid that sparked a vicious month-long inconclusive war against the Lebanese militant group two years ago.

Israel will also receive the remaining body parts of its soldiers from the Lebanon war and a thorough Hezbollah report about Ron Arad, a missing Israeli airman whose plane crashed in Lebanon in 1986.

Israel is obliged to release four other Lebanese prisoners in addition to Kantar, along with dozens of bodies and an undisclosed number of Palestinian prisoners.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Smoke from wildfires sparks alert

Hundreds of lightning-sparked wildfires have turned the air of Northern California into an unhealthy stew of smoke and ash, forcing the cancellation of athletic events and other outdoor activities.

Health advisories urging residents to stay indoors were issued Saturday from Bakersfield north to Redding, a distance of nearly 725 kilometres.

More than 17,000 firefighters, 1,500 fire engines and bulldozers, and more than 80 helicopters and aircraft fought more than 1,000 fires Saturday. The fires have destroyed 47 structures and injured 85 people. In the Los Padres National Forest, the blaze has forced the closure of a 19-kilometre stretch of coastal Highway 1 and driven away visitors at the peak of the tourist season.

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Zimbabwe

Canada condemns run-off election

VOTE Foreign Affairs Minister David Emerson yesterday condemned Robert Mugabe's run-off election, calling the vote "illegitimate" and saying it will not be recognized by Canada. Although humanitarian aid to Zimbabwe will continue, Emerson said Ottawa will immediately implement travel, work and study restrictions on senior Zimbabwean government, military and police officials and their families.

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Chief Justice Godfrey Chidyausiku swears in Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe yesterday at his inauguration ceremony at State house in Harare.

Mugabe sworn in for 6th term

African leaders meeting in Egypt

Robert Mugabe was sworn in as Zimbabwe's president for a sixth term yesterday after a run-off election in which he was the only candidate.

Just hours earlier electoral officials declared the 84-year-old leader had won Friday's widely discredited vote.

Mugabe was expected at an African Union summit today in Egypt, where he was to face fellow African leaders who want him to share power with his main rival, Morgan Tsvangirai.

The electoral commission said total results showed more than two million votes for Mugabe, and 233,000 for Tsvangirai. About 131,000 ballots had been defaced or otherwise spoiled, many apparently as an act of protest by Tsvangirai's supporters.

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China protest

Villagers burn police buildings

MURDERED Thousands of angry Chinese villagers set fire to police and government offices in Weng'an county in Guizhou province Saturday after a 16-year-old student was raped and murdered. The girl disappeared after being called away by three young men, two of whom were related to public security bureau officials. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

»news In Brief

» **INDIA** A blast in a busy weekly market in Kumarikata, Assam, in India's restive northeast has killed six people and injured 40. A local police official said the explosives were strapped to a bicycle. Officials suspect the United Liberation Front of Asom may have been involved. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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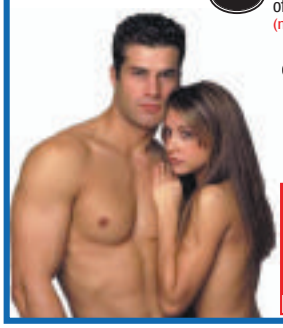

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Militants driven out

Pakistani forces control Afghan border area

Paramilitary troops returned yesterday to posts they had been forced to abandon and Pakistani forces widened their offensive against militants operating in a volatile tribal area along the Afghan border, an official said.

The government launched the operation Saturday against militants in the Khyber region who had grown more brazen in their attacks in recent months. The militants began threatening the nearby city of Peshawar and ambushing supply convoys bound for U.S.-led coalition troops in Afghanistan.

The military operation appears to be a shift in strategy by Pakistan's new government, backing its calls for peace deals in the tribal areas with the threat of forceful action against militants.

Troops from the paramilitary Frontier Corps, backed by tanks, quickly cleared militants out of the Bara region, said a local official.

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Swat next?

» Maj. Gen. Alam Khattak, head of the Frontier Corps, hinted the Bara offensive would not be the only operation against militants and other officials said the volatile Swat region could be next.

Afghanistan

Civilian deaths up 60%: UN official

SOAR Top UN humanitarian official John Holmes says the number of civilians killed in fighting in Afghanistan has soared by more than 60 per cent this year. It recorded 698 civilian deaths, compared with 430 in the first six months of 2007. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

»news In Brief

» **G8 TALKS** Protesters clashed with police in Tokyo yesterday during demonstrations against the upcoming summit of leaders from the Group of Eight industrialized nations. Media reports say more than 1,000 people were involved in two rallies. Prime Minister Stephen Harper will join leaders from the U.S., Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Russia and Italy for the July 7-9 meeting on the northern island of Hokkaido.

» **TIBET** China says it will hold a new round of talks on Tibet with representatives of the Dalai Lama next month. The announcement by the official Xinhua news agency says the meetings will take place in early July but does not give a specific date or venue. Some experts believe Beijing is agreeing to a fresh round of discussions to ease international pressure and criticism ahead of the Olympic Games that begin Aug. 8 in China.

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Oil futures climbed to a new record of near $143 US a barrel Friday as the U.S. dollar weakened, confirming that the falling greenback is a major factor in crude's stratospheric rise. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. economy

After-tax incomes, spending surge

STIMULUS The $300 to $600 economic stimulus payments sent after-tax incomes in the United States surging by 5.7 per cent in May — the largest increase since a similar recession-fighting effort by president Gerald Ford in May 1975. All the extra money helped to push consumer spending up by the biggest amount in six months.

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»news In Brief

» **CRTC** Heritage Minister Josee Verner named three new full-time members to the CRTC on Friday including Suzanne Lamarre, Steve Simpson and Louise Poirier. Leonard Katz was also reappointed as vice-chairman for a four-year term. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Via trains come in late from cold

Toronto-Ottawa worst for delays

Almost half of Via Rail's passenger trains arrived late over the winter — and many were very tardy, says an internal report.

credits

» The company provides so-called "late train credits" to travellers whose trains are significantly overdue, which can be used only to purchase future Via Rail tickets.

The slumping performance is being blamed on severe weather that crippled Via Rail's aging locomotives and damaged tracks, switches and signals.

For the first three months this year, 46 per cent of trains arrived late, says the report. The March numbers were particularly bad, with 54 per cent of trains across the country delivering passengers later than scheduled. One of the worst-performing routes is one of the most popular — Toronto-Ottawa, where three-quarters of the trains arrived late in March.

Most passenger trains travel on CN tracks, which are crowded with freight trains that often cause delays. THE CANADIAN PRESS

$2.1M to dine with Buffett

Fund manager wins EBay auction

A Chinese investment fund manager won the chance to have lunch with billionaire Warren Buffett by bidding $2.1 million in the most expensive charity auction ever held on EBay.

Zhao Danyang of the Hong Kong-based Pureheart China Growth Investment Fund won the auction, which ended Friday evening with a bid of $2,110,100.

steakhouse

» Zhao and up to seven friends will dine with Buffett at the Smith & Wollensky steakhouse in New York City whenever the two men can schedule it.

The Glide Foundation, which provides social services to the poor and homeless in San Francisco, will receive all the proceeds from the auction.

Buffett has been auctioning off lunches online for six years but began auctioning the lunches for Glide off-line in 2000. He offers only one lunch a year. Last year's lunch brought in $650,100.

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sports

Two weeks away from her 20th birthday, Inbee Park, left, became the youngest winner of the U.S. Women's Open yesterday by closing with a 2-under 71 at Interlachen in Edina, Minn. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SCOREBOARD

MLB

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
INTERLEAGUE
TORONTO 1 Atlanta 0
Cincinnati 9 Cleveland 5
Detroit 4 Colorado 3
Houston 3 Boston 2
L.A. Angels 1 L.A. Dodgers 0
Minnesota 5 Milwaukee 0
N.Y. Mets 3 N.Y. Yankees 1
San Francisco 11 Oakland 1
Seattle 9 San Diego 2
St. Louis 9 Kansas City 6
Tampa Bay 4 Pittsburgh 3
Washington 3 Baltimore 2 (12 ings)
Philadelphia at Texas
Chicago Cubs at Chicago Sox
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Florida 4 Arizona 3

TODAY'S GAMES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Texas at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05
Kansas City at Baltimore, 7:05
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:10
Detroit at Minnesota, 8:10
Cleveland at Chicago W. Sox, 8:11
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 10:05
TORONTO at Seattle, 10:10
NATIONAL LEAGUE
N.Y. Mets at St. Louis, 7:05
Washington at Florida, 7:10
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 7:10
L.A. Dodgers at Houston, 8:05
San Diego at Colorado, 9:05
Milwaukee at Arizona, 9:40
Chicago Cubs at San Francisco, 10:15

CFL

WEEK 1
SATURDAY'S RESULT
Saskatchewan 34 Edmonton 13
FRIDAY'S RESULT
TORONTO 23 Winnipeg 16
THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Calgary 28 B.C. 18
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MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER GAMES FEATURING TORONTO FC:
SATURDAY'S RESULT
New England 2 **TORONTO** 1
CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUALIFYING:
TOMORROW'S GAME
Vancouver at **TORONTO**, 4

LOTTERIES

Friday, June 27, 2008
Lotto Super 7 — 7, 8, 12, 17, 22, 31 & 47. Bonus 35.
Ontario Pick 3 — 0 0 6
Ontario Pick 4 — 7 4 9 5
Encore — 5278488
Daily Keno — 3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 16, 19, 20, 22, 26, 37, 39, 43, 44, 51, 55, 60, 62, 64, 70.

Saturday, June 28, 2008
Lotto 6/49 — 4, 16, 20, 23, 28 & 44. Bonus 32.
Ontario 49 — 3, 27, 29, 32, 33 & 44. Bonus 24.
Lottario — 8, 10, 21, 22, 40 & 45. Bonus 43.
Early bird — 5, 21, 26 & 39.
Ontario Pick 3 — 3 0 4
Ontario Pick 4 — 6 5 6 3
Encore — 9214268
Daily Keno — 1, 5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 25, 27, 28, 30, 47, 56, 57, 58, 62, 70.

Sunday, June 29, 2008
Ontario Pick 3 — 1 4 3
Ontario Pick 4 — 8 7 4 2
Encore — 0564607
Daily Keno — 1, 4, 16, 17, 20, 21, 24, 26, 27, 30, 36, 39, 42, 46, 48, 49, 55, 63, 65, 70.
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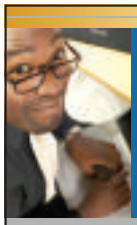

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Captain Iker Casillas lifts the European championship trophy after Spain defeated Germany 1-0 in the final yesterday in Vienna.

Viva España!

Spain shuts down Germany to end 44-year drought

EURO 2008

Fernando Torres finally lived up to his billing as one of the world's great strikers yesterday by scoring to give Spain a 1-0 win over Germany and the European Championship title.

Torres, who had been overshadowed by teammate David Villa all tournament, scored in the 33rd minute of the final to down the three-time European champions and earn his nation's first major title in 44 years.

Touching a sliding pass from Xavi Hernandez past Philipp Lahm, Torres turned and ran past his marker on the opposite side, collected the ball and lifted a shot over sliding goalkeeper Jens Lehmann and into the far corner.

"My job is to score goals," Torres said. "I want to win more titles and be the most important player in Europe and the world."

Spain had more chances but the goal was enough to give the country its first title since the 1964 European Championship.

"Spain played very well during whole tournament and they were technically excellent," Germany coach Joachim Loew said. "They fully deserve victory."

In the end, Spain was a deserved winner of the 13th European Championship.

"It is the most important day in Spanish football in many, many years," Torres said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Burnett hurls gem to help Jays soar

DOMINANCE A.J. Burnett helped steady the Blue Jays with a gem at the start of a six-game homestand, and then made sure to cement his team's gains with a brilliant performance at the end of it.

The enigmatic right-hander struck out a season-high 11 batters over seven shutout innings to lead the way in a 1-0 interleague victory yesterday afternoon over the Atlanta Braves.

The Blue Jays finished their homestand 4-2.

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»sports In Brief

» **MOTORSPORTS** Former series champion Kurt Busch stayed on track when the leaders pitted late in yesterday's NASCAR Sprint Cup race at New Hampshire and the strategy paid off with a win when the race was cut 17 laps short by rain.

» **CFL** Toronto rookie running back Jamal Robertson scored a pair of touchdowns as the Argonauts defeated the Blue Bombers 23-16 in the teams' CFL regular-season opener Friday night in Winnipeg. The Argonauts' home opener is Thursday against Hamilton.

» **SOCCER** Steve Ralston scored once in each half to lead the New England Revolution to a 2-1 victory over Toronto FC on Saturday night. Toronto fell to 6-4-3.

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Raptors to reveal Devlin as TV man

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Canada's only NBA club has selected another American as its new play-by-play voice for national television, sources told Metro yesterday.

Matt Devlin, who spent this decade serving three-year stints as the voice of the Memphis Grizzlies and Charlotte Bobcats, has been hired by the Toronto Raptors to succeed **Chuck Swirsky**, according to the sources.

The sources also said they expect the Raptors to announce the hiring of Devlin within seven to 10 days.

Swirsky was a U.S. citizen when he was hired by the Raps 10 years ago, although he obtained his Canadian citizenship last winter. Swirsky recently switched NBA allegiances and will be the Chicago Bulls' voice next season.

At least four Canadians were competing against Devlin for the Raps' job, the sources suggested. **Mike Inglis**, a Torontonian who was the club's first play-by-play voice, had expressed a desire to return after a decade as the Miami Heat's voice. **Adnan Virk**, an anchor for The Score and occasional basketball reporter for the Canadian network, also was a candidate, as were Canadian brothers **Paul Jones** and **Mark Jones**. Paul has been the Raps' radio voice while Mark covers various sports, including basketball, for ESPN.

Devlin's background includes play-by-play work with TNT and Fox.

» The CFL had a rough opening weekend, producing low-scoring and generally dull games.

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers and Hamilton Tiger-Cats scored touchdowns only once in their respective losses, while the Edmonton Eskimos couldn't score any TDs in theirs.

In B.C., a quarterbacking change already seems likely as Lions coach **Wally Buono** wasn't pleased — actually, he used the word "pissed" when discussing his team's loss. **Jarious Jackson** probably will start Friday night against the Saskatchewan Roughriders instead of **Buck Pierce**.

Buono criticized the Lions' lack of discipline in a loss to the Stampeders in Calgary Thursday night. "I'll correct this," he vowed.

The Argonauts, who won Friday night in Winnipeg, are alternating QBs **Kerry Joseph** and **Michael Bishop**.

And Joseph, sources said, is livid about the two-QB system and threw a mini-tantrum when benched in the fourth quarter against the Bombers.

» MLB contenders are quietly trying to top each other with trade pitches for Oakland pitcher **Rich Harden**, who's being dangled by the A's and will almost certainly be dealt before the July 31 trade deadline.

A native of Victoria, B.C., Harden is 5-0 and has struck out 42 batters in 32 1/3 innings in June. His June earned-run average is a remarkable 1.65, which, in this farewell-to-arms era, largely explains his immense popularity.

> *« (Kerry) Joseph, sources said, is livid about the (Argonauts) two-QB system and threw a mini-tantrum when benched in the fourth quarter against the Bombers. »*

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By hanging your laundry on a clothesline, you'll save about 950 kilowatt hours of electricity a year. That translates to a whole month's worth in the average Ontario household. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Drying clothes is a pure breeze

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We finally did it! We did all our laundry and dried it outside on a clothesline.

We have been attempting this ever since the first glimmers of spring in March or April. The first few times we washed clothes on Saturday morning, hung them up outside, took the slightly frozen but still damp clothes in on Saturday evening and then hung them back out all day Sunday and still had damp clothes on Sunday night. But now, as we were saying, the drying power of the sun has increased sufficiently so we can dry multiple loads in a single weekend.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE PHOTO

There is something therapeutic about hanging wet laundry outside and taking the sun-warmed clothes down and smelling the outdoors on them, our columnists write.

And you can, too. As of April 18, the Ontario government has made bylaws that outlaw clotheslines illegal. These bylaws were mostly in place in new subdivisions and the ban on bylaws was opposed by builders of these new subdivisions. The rationale for opposing the ban, according to the builders, is that homeowners bought the houses knowing about the bylaw and it isn't fair to change the rules on them. We're not sure about how other people choose houses, but for us, when we were house hunting we were interested in location, number of bedrooms, age of the roof, etc., not really whether we were going to see the neighbour's jammies fluttering in the breeze.

Actually it's interesting to think how perceptions have changed. These bylaws were put into place because drying clothes on the line was considered unsightly and "low class." Now we would like to think that conserving energy is both beautiful and classy however you do it. Driers are one of the most energy intensive household appliances while they are running, although since most houses don't run them constantly they account for only about 6 per cent of a household's energy budget. But still, anywhere energy usage can be trimmed, it should be.

Which brings us to the fact that we have been in several newish subdivisions lately, visiting family and friends and we can't help but notice that there has not been a proliferation of new clotheslines installed since April 18. We highly recommend getting one.

There is something therapeutic about hanging wet laundry outside and taking the sun-warmed clothes down and smelling the outdoors on them, which is pure pleasure.

Andrew Laursen is an assistant professor at Ryerson University. Sophia Dore is an environmental scientist with Conestoga-Rovers & Associates.

Eco-friendly summer fun

» Instead of planning a road trip or a vacation far away, think about fun things you can do with your family close to home. Here are a few eco-friendly ways to keep your children active and busy this year:

» Park it and play: Explore with your feet what your own neighbourhood has to offer. Pack an eco-friendly picnic with reusable dishes and cutlery, washable napkins, and a minimum of plastic bags or wrap, find a table near a playground and spend the afternoon outdoors.

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Finicky financing for filmmakers

Seminar teaches better ways to get backing for movies

By RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Toronto

Canada is full of creativity and talent but its filmmakers can be lazy when it comes to securing money, says one Hollywood producer.

Hollywood veteran Larry Meistrich, best known as the executive producer of Sling Blade, said Canadian filmmakers need to get a better grip on financial matters to forge successful careers in the movie industry.

"There's a really good creativity that comes out of Canada, but I think there's a laziness because it seems like there's also very little drive to get the investors and get the equity," he said, suggesting that government grants and film funds tend to pamper Canadian filmmakers.

Yet, Meistrich insists that real funding can be found in Canada for filmmakers willing to work hard and offer investors good incentives to dole it out.

cross-country

» The three-day camps have been popular in the U.S. and are run in Canada by Meistrich's own company, NEHST Studios, having already run in Ottawa and Toronto with plans to go to Vancouver and other Canadian cities.

Working with Sex And The City producer Antonia Ellis, Meistrich helped produce a series of filmmakers' Boot Camp seminars across Canada, which let aspiring producers, directors, actors and writers from across the country get professional advice directly from the Meistrich and Ellis.

The first piece of financial advice offered by Meistrich? Don't think your investors are stupid. Rather than asking wary investors to pony up huge sums of cash with little to no guarantee of ever seeing it again, Meistrich suggests offering something worth investing in — yourself. Have a second or third movie idea already in the works before starting on the first one and offer investors chunks of your future earnings, perhaps as much as 5 per cent or more, rather than trying to peddle a dubious slice of unlikely profits from your first project.

RAFAEL BRUSILOW/FOR METRO TORONTO

Larry Meistrich speaks to aspiring Canadian filmmakers and content creators.

"You should ask people not to gamble. Make people invest in you," Meistrich said.

Of course, Meistrich admits many first-time producers are loath to sell off a chunk of their financial futures so early, but he insists people who truly want to be in the industry have to think of the long term and understand where investors are coming from.

"Don't be greedy. Your investors should make more than you because they took the risks. If you sit in front of an investor with that attitude, they're going to appreciate it because they'll see you understand the money situation," Meistrich said.

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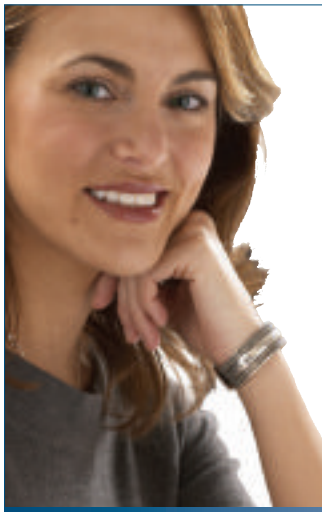

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Eighty-six per cent of executives polled said cover letters are valuable when evaluating job candidates. Moreover, eight out of 10 (80 per cent) managers said it is common to receive electronic resumés accompanied by cover letters.

The study was conducted by an independent research firm and developed by OfficeTeam. The survey is based on telephone interviews with 150 senior executives from the largest companies in the United States.

Executives were asked, "When evaluating prospective job candidates, how valuable is the cover letter that accompanies the resumé?"

Executives also were asked, "When you receive a resumé electronically from a job candidate, how common is it for that resumé to be accompanied by a letter of introduction or cover letter?"

"Submitting a resumé without a cover letter is like not shaking hands when meeting someone for the first time," said Dave Willmer, executive director of OfficeTeam. "Those who aren't including cover letters with their resumés are missing an opportunity to make a good first impression and set themselves apart from other job applicants." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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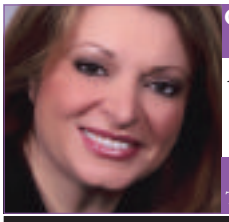

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Duchovny naked and blushing

Actor admits he's 'prudish' when doing sex scenes

David Duchovny never gets used to seeing himself naked on screen.

"I just think it's embarrassing to be naked in front of a lot of people," says the actor. "I guess I'm a bit prudish in a way. I wish I wasn't — I wish I could let my freak flag fly a little more."

Duchovny was speaking to reporters earlier this week on the set of his delicious dark comedy Californication, which returns for a second season in September on Showtime and in Canada on the Movie Network and Movie Central.

Duchovny stars as Hank Moody, a brilliant if troubled novelist trying to hold on to his wife and child while battling all the distractions and temptations of Hollywood. The first season found Hank up to all sorts of sexual hijinks, even though, as Duchovny maintains, the show is really about "this guy's quest to pull his family together."

He says now that Hank is back together with his wife Karen (played by Natascha McElhone) and daughter Becca (young Canadian actress Madeleine Martin), other characters on the show will take up most of the sex slack.

The former X-Files star — who goes back in character as special agent Fox Mulder in the upcoming feature The X-Files: I Want To Believe (in theatres July 25) — says there is a basic problem with shooting sex scenes: "Sex is a ridiculous looking behaviour," he says, adding, "if done correctly."

Which is just fine for"Californication, he says. The adult cable show is, after all, a comedy.

"We don't do sex to turn you on in this show," he says, speaking for the rest of the cast as well as series creator Tom Kapinos. "That's not the way we approach it. We approach it as the ridiculous human behaviour that it is."

A performance he's happy to talk about is getting back under the skin of his old X-Files character, Fox Mulder.

"Mulder is as old as I am — he always will be," says Duchovny, 47. He was 32 when he started playing the special agent on the paranormal series, which ended a nine-season run in 2002.

For The X-Files: I Want To Believe, he says there was no effort to make the character "the same guy he was in 1993."

Duchovny says he can bring some of what he has learned playing Hank Moody to his old role, although he cautions the new X-Files movie is not a comedy.

"It's more skewed toward horror, a throwback to the first couple of years on the show," he says.

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"I wish I could let my freak flag fly a little more," David Duchovny says of his sexy role in the dark comedy Californication.

The Fringe back, bigger and ready to dance

Theatre fest will feature new talent

By SANDY CAETANO
Metro Toronto

For 19 years, The Fringe: Toronto's Theatre Festival has been storming stages with unexpected and unforgettable shows.

This summer, the festival, running from July 2 – 13, is getting ready to celebrate its 20th anniversary marking this as its biggest year yet.

Executive director Gideon Arthurs says the Fringe Festival will be hosting 148 companies at 29 venues across the city. In 1989, the city's first Fringe worked with four venues to offer 40 productions. Today, it has established itself not only as Toronto's biggest theatre festival, but has become the third largest Fringe in Canada. "Starting up our 20th anniversary is pretty exciting ... so it's a pretty big enterprise," says Arthurs. "Last year there was a 21 per cent increase in people attending the festival."

Working with more than 800 local and international artists, this year's festival is expecting an attendance of more than 57,000. As always, the Fringe operates as a non-profit organization, ensuring that each year 100 per cent of ticketed box office earnings are returned to Fringe performers and participants.

> « *... They're the biggest thing that keep the Fringe going, the people who come back year after year.* »
>
> *Gideon Arthurs, Executive director*

The festival's programming this year will bring a solid mix of eager newcomers and veteran Fringe artists.

"It's really a democratic kind of event. We have 350 amazing volunteers ... who donate thousands of volunteer hours ... and our patrons seem to love the festival," he says. "Eighty per cent of Fringe patrons come back after they come for the first time, and that means that they also bring a friend. They're the biggest thing that keep the Fringe going, the people who come back year after year."

The Fringe normally features just theatre productions, but after making an outreach to the dance community, the festival will now be incorporating dance productions as well. For the first time, the Dance Initiative will showcase nine dance companies drawn by lottery.

"And then on top of that we have special programming at our Fringe club to celebrate the 20th. We're doing different programming every night, we have a couple of hot bands, some comedians and that kind of stuff," says Arthurs. "So there's a lot to look forward to for sure."

Tickets are a maximum of $10, except for kids shows, which are $5. For more information, visit *fringetoronto.com*.

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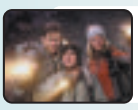

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Stars celebrate Mandela

Charity concert honours former president

Will Smith charmed the crowd, Amy Winehouse wowed them just by showing up — but Nelson Mandela proved the biggest star of all at a concert Friday in honour of the South African statesman's 90th birthday.

Acts including Queen, Razorlight, Leona Lewis and a host of African stars joined more than 40,000 music fans for the outdoor show in London's Hyde Park, hosted by Hollywood star Smith and held to mark Mandela's birthday on July 18.

American singer Josh Groban and the Soweto Gospel Choir also performed at the event, which comes 20 years after a 70th birthday concert at London's Wembley Stadium that helped press South Africa's apartheid authorities for Mandela's freedom.

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Nelson Mandela, left, speaks at the 46664 charity concert in honour of his 90th birthday in London, England, Friday. The former South African president's birthday falls on July 18.

The biggest cheers of the night were reserved for Mandela, who told the crowd that the 1988 concert had made a difference.

"Your voices carried across the water to inspire us in our prison cells far away," said Mandela who spent 27 years in South African prisons. "We are honoured to be back in London for this wonderful celebration.

"But even as we celebrate, let us remind ourselves that our work is far from complete."

Proceeds from the show — for which there were 46,664 tickets — are going to 46664, the AIDS charity named for the number Mandela wore in prison.

Mandela looked frail and leaned on a cane as he was helped onto the stage by his wife, Graca Machel. But his brief speech brought thunderous applause.

"Where there is poverty and sickness including AIDS, where human beings are being oppressed, there is more work to be done," Mandela said. "Our work is for freedom for all.

"We say tonight, after nearly 90 years of life, it is time for new hands to lift the burdens. It is in your hands now."

Also on the lineup were Annie Lennox, reggae star Eddy Grant, girl group Sugababes and African artists including Emmanuel Jal, Johnny Clegg and Papa Wemba.

One of the biggest stars was Winehouse, whose participation looked doubtful after she collapsed at home last week and was hospitalized. But she made it. Looking composed if slightly unsteady, she performed two of her best-known songs, Rehab and Valerie.

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Singer Amy Winehouse was one of several celebrity performers at Mandela's charity concert.

in court

Man accused of stalking teen stars

PEOPLE A man accused of stalking and threatening the teen sister act known as Aly & AJ sent e-mail and handwritten notes to the singing duo, police said Friday.

Rex Mettler, 42, of Lancaster, Ohio, obtained contact information for the sisters and also made threats by phone, police detective Nick Snyder said. No further details were released.

Mettler appeared in court on Friday, a day after his arrest on a felony charge of menacing by stalking. Bond was set at $50,000. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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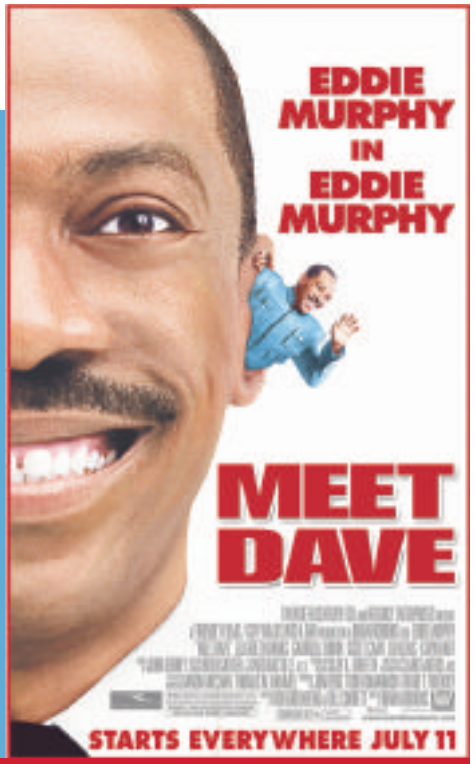

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The mother of filmmaker Guy Ritchie has hit out at reports her son, left, wants to divorce his singer wife Madonna, branding the rumours "works of fiction" dreamed up by the media.

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Jeff joins Criminal Intent, Chris exits

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TV Mr. Big is out, and Mr. Goldblum is in. Jeff Goldblum will be joining Law & Order: Criminal Intent while Chris Noth — Mr. Big in the Sex And The City TV show and movie — is leaving after three seasons.

Criminal Intent, part of the Law & Order franchise, was recently picked up for an eighth season by USA Network. "Jeff's presence will add a new dimension to an already successful show," series creator Dick Wolf said.

Noth played New York police Det. Mike Logan on the original NBC series from 1990-95, in a Law & Order TV movie and then on Criminal Intent starting in 2005.

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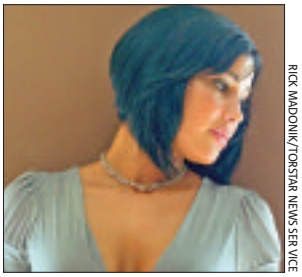
Penning the hip-hop tell-all

Former stripper writes about her whirlwind marriage to Mos Def



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Alana Wyatt-Smith, who had a whirlwind marriage to hip-hop artist Mos Def, has written a book about her experiences in the world of hip hop.

While kiss-and-tell books have been a staple of rock 'n' roll, it's early days for the genre in hip hop. Bestowed with the industry nickname Superhead, former music video performer and Virgin Islands native Karrine Steffans got the ball rolling in 2005 with her New York Times best-seller Confessions Of A Video Vixen, which explicitly detailed dalliances with entertainers such as Sean "Diddy" Combs, Jay-Z and Dr. Dre.

New Yorker Carmen Bryan followed with 2006's It's No Secret, which outlined her relationship with her daughter's father, rapper Nas, whom she two-timed for five years with his rival Jay-Z, and on occasion with basketball star Allan Iverson.

Now a Canadian woman is getting in on the action. One-time stripper Alana Wyatt-Smith, 29, who has a seven-year-old son with Toronto hip-hop artist Saukrates, has penned Breaking The Code Of Silence, a memoir examining her 2005 marriage to American MC-turned-actor-Mos Def, three days after they met, as well as encounters with various professional athletes and celebs.

She also recounts a rough-and-tumble upbringing that included childhood sexual abuse by a relative and being beaten into a coma by a violent boyfriend as a teenager.

Wyatt-Smith would prefer to distance her book from that of Steffans and Bryan, insisting it's not an exposé because she disguises the identities of the bulk of her lovers. (Another key difference is that the Americans' books were released by reputable publishing houses and consequently don't suffer the errors in spelling, grammar and coherency that plague her self-published narrative).

"I disagree with putting names of people in there, just out of respect for their wives and children," said Wyatt-Smith. "If this was about making money, getting rich, I could have wrote a tell-all book 10 times better than Karrine Steffens ... I use nicknames, initials, that myself and the gentleman would know; the ones named I got permission from."

Except, of course, for the biggest fish, Mos Def, legally named Dante Smith. The Toronto Star tried unsuccessfully to reach the 34-year-old Brooklyn native for comment through his record label, booking agent and entertainment lawyer. Highly rated for his socio-political stance and distinctively mumbling flow, Mos Def also fronts a hip-hop-jazz big band and is an actor who appeared in films such as Monster's Ball and Be Kind Rewind.

In her book, Wyatt-Smith, who previously supported herself as an exotic dancer, model and video music performer (Snoop Dogg's Drop It Like It's Hot), recounts how they were married at Toronto City Hall on Aug. 17, 2005, just several days after they met.

Within six weeks, the couple had attended Fashion Week in New York, the MTV Video Music Awards in Miami, purchased a $850,000 house in Caledon, Ont. — and separated.

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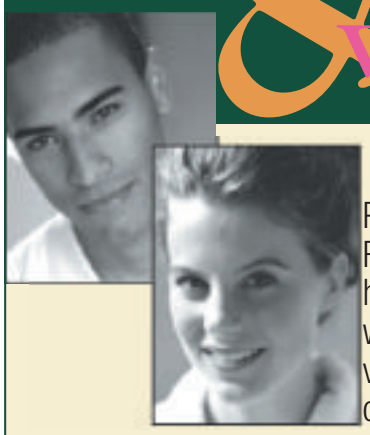

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Emmys narrow down short list

Damages, The Wire among semifinalists

The Wire, Friday Night Lights and Pushing Daisies are among the semifinalists for this year's Emmy nominations.

Ten drama series and 10 comedies emerged as the top vote-getters in balloting by members of the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, the academy said recently.

The final five nominees in each category will be determined after blue-ribbon panels screened submitted episodes this past weekend, with the results to be announced July 17. The awards will be held in September.

The Wire, the critically acclaimed HBO drama that traces urban decay through the stories of police and drug dealers in Baltimore, has a last shot at ending years of Emmy snubs: It recently wrapped its fifth and final season.

Basic cable also has the chance for a breakthrough this year, with AMC's Mad Men and FX's Damages among the semifinalists. Although premium channels like HBO routinely field nominees, a basic cable series has yet to nab a best drama or comedy series bid, the academy said.

Premium cable and network shows are both well-represented on the comedy front with such shows as HBO's Curb Your Enthusiasm and NBC's 30 Rock, which was last year's winner in the category.

The best drama semifinalists include Boston Legal, Damages and Friday Night Lights. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Judge orders Fawcett's son to drug treatment

The son of Farrah Fawcett and Ryan O'Neal has admitted to driving under the influence of drugs and to possessing heroin and crystal meth, BBC News Online reports.

Police arrested Redmond O'Neal on Jan. 26 after they caught him speeding in Malibu, Calif.

The 23-year-old has been placed on three years' probation and was also fined $1,700 US.

The judge also ordered O'Neal to attend a drug treatment program until another hearing next month. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Britney Spears could perform once again at this year's MTV Video Music Awards.

VMAs might give Spears another shot

MTV isn't ruling out giving viewers more Britney Spears at this year's Video Music Awards.

"Everyone deserves a second or third chance, right?" Van Toffler, president of MTV Networks Music Group, playfully told The Associated Press during a telephone interview Friday. When asked if he was just joking, Toffler said "sorta."

"Who knows?" he said.

Spears' out-of-it Gimme More comeback performance during last year's MTV Video Music Awards at the Palms Casino Resort in Las Vegas was one of the most talked about televised moments of 2007. The drama-filled VMAs drew 7.1 million viewers, according to Nielsen Media Research. Another Spears redux could equal even more eyeballs.

"I'm not sure how we top Britney opening the show," said Toffler. "We are working on it every minute of every day."

This year's MTV Video Music Awards will air live from Paramount Pictures Studios in Los Angeles on Sept. 7. (MTV and Paramount are corporate cousins within Viacom Inc.) Toffler said the award show's performances will occur on the lot's various sound stages, rooftops and faux city streets.

"The backlot gives us versatility," said Toffler.

"You can do street performances, on-top-of-building performances, on-the-side-of-a-building performances, inside-of-a-studio performances, so we're pretty excited." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"Stuck in the middle with you." Robson Arms dwellers appear to be caught in a civil war, with one side wanting condos and the other preferring things as they are. Fred (Haig Sutherland) is persuaded by an old friend to pressure one of the residents to change sides. But when he finds out why his buddy encouraged him to do it, Fred must come up with an ingenious plan to fix things in the season finale, "Hero." 9:30 PM on CTV

Asteroid Tracker
Some jobs just sound more fun than others. "Daily Planet" co-host Jay Ingram hosts this documentary that takes a look at asteroids and whether or not Earth is destined to be destroyed by one. Those interviewed include "violent impact specialist" Jay Melosh, who only needs 10 years warning to save the world; amateur astronomer Roy Tucker, who helps track asteroids; and nuclear researcher Mark Boslough, who studies past collisions. 7 PM on DIS

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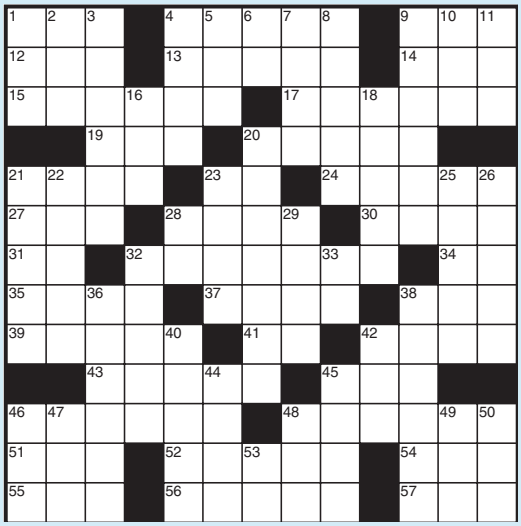

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3 Strokes of good fortune
4 Were rivals
5 Hobby ender
6 Chicago Cubs' grp.
7 Average grades
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9 49th state
10 Playful bite
11 Golf bag item
16 Compete at an auction
18 Gullets
20 Called balls
21 Give a home to
22 Kind of tea
23 DEA operative
25 Crept
26 Steel plow inventor
28 Mass. neighbor
29 Exec, slangily
32 Wide tie
33 CD-ROM unit
36 Patted on
38 Felt pen
40 Lecture rooms
42 Surfing duo — and Dean
44 Enlist again (hyph.)
45 Cabby's take
46 Slump
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48 Half a candy?
49 Prior to
50 Chat, slangily
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across »

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4 Lombardi of football
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12 Tierra — Fuego
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14 Whopper
15 Sure! (2 wds.)
17 Make like Houdini
19 Tyke
20 Software buyers
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23 Border st.
24 In the buff
27 Some, to Yvette
28 Twist-offs
30 Cross the creek
31 All right
32 Courtyards
34 Fridge manufacturer
35 Seed containers
37 Bin
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42 Valuable figurine
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ARIES | March 21-April 20
The people in charge are relying on you to dazzle them. A drama queen enjoys being strange. A thief is caught in the act.

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An outsider won't appreciate your humour. A dream will be refreshing. Play with a special friend at night.

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A love opportunity comes this afternoon. A sweetie protects you from criticism. A guy needs emotional support from you.

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It's time to befriend a compassionate soul. Be gentle with someone who responds truthfully. A loser is a winner.

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A satisfying surrender in a love life is necessary. Location matters while whispering tender words. It's a peak period for problem solving.

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No harm will come to a threatened group. Take time to process information. An extreme reaction is not your fault.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
Common sense is useless in a discussion. Believe the best about a fascinating anecdote. Someone will miss a chance.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
Time is of the essence in a legal case. Someone else's love affair causes distress. It's a bad idea to throw your weight around.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
An intriguing person should be investigated. A freebie comes your way. Someone pulls the plug on planned repairs.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Count on an ambitious person to improve matters. Avoid injuring your neck. A homemaker makes a harsh house call.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Be brave enough to be hopeful. Avoid encounters with shallow people. Someone will say yes to your request.

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The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, and each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

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Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

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Celebrity Buzz

Blame it on boredom

Amy speaks: Amy Winehouse insists her problems with drugs and alcohol stem from "boredom" and feeling like she has "nothing to live for," *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. In a rare interview with Rolling Stone magazine, the Back To Black hitmaker reveals that after her husband Blake Fielder-Civil was jailed on charges of assault and perverting the course of justice in November 2007, she felt like her life wasn't worth living.

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The Grammy award-winning singer subsequently cancelled her U.K. tour and ended up in rehab in an attempt to kick her addictions. She was also treated at a London hospital for traces of emphysema last week. And Winehouse blames her downward spiral into drink and drugs on her unhappy state. She says, "To be honest, my husband's away, I'm bored, I'm young. I felt like there was nothing to live for. It's just been a low ebb." But the star insists that although she was treated at a London clinic in March, she doesn't feel like she has fully completed a rehab program.

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Ruben ties the knot

WEDDING BELLS American Idol's Season 2 winner Ruben Studdard married Surata Zuri McCants in his hometown of Birmingham, Ala., on Saturday with 20 groomsmen at his side, *People.com* reports.

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No new 90210 for Luke Perry

CASTING Former Beverly Hills, 90210 heartthrob Luke Perry has dismissed reports he is reprising his role in the new version of the show. Former castmates Tori Spelling and Jennie Garth will appear in the spinoff.

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Celebrity brief

SEX TAPE A sex tape allegedly featuring Verne Troyer has been pulled from a celebrity website by court orders, *imdb.com* reports. The diminutive actor/comic filed a $20-million lawsuit against *TMZ.com* Friday, accusing the site of violating his rights by publishing and airing extracts from the film.

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celebrity brief

Gyllenhaal moves in with Witherspoon

PEOPLE Reese Witherspoon and Jake Gyllenhaal have moved in together, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. Jake recently moved into Reese's $5-million US Los Angeles home fuelling rumours the couple are planning to wed. A source said: "Marriage is definitely what they are working toward." The pair have become so close Jake is even helping raise Reese's two children — eight-year-old Ava and four-year-old Deacon — from her marriage to Ryan Phillippe. A friend of Reese's added to Us Weekly magazine: "They literally don't want to spend any time away from each other." Oscar-winner Reese and Brokeback Mountain star Jake have been dating for a year after meeting on the set of the film Rendition. Although they initially denied rumours they were an item, they eventually went public last October after they were seen enjoying a romantic weekend break in Rome.

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Uma engaged

MARRIAGE Uma Thurman is engaged to her multimillionaire boyfriend, Arpad Busson, her rep has confirmed to People. On Saturday, the couple themselves made the announcement, on page 75 of London's The Times. In return for saying yes, the actress received an eight-plus carat centre stone surrounded by 20 smaller stones.

The pair began dating last summer after attending a private dinner together in Milan.

It would be the third marriage for Thurman, who has a son and daughter with ex Ethan Hawke, whom she divorced in 2003.

Her marriage to Gary Oldman ended in 1992. Busson has two sons with former supermodel Elle Macpherson, from whom he split in 2005.

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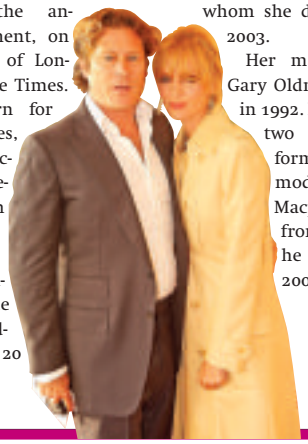

Celebrity brief

FAMILY RIFT? Britney Spears is furious over her mother's plan to release a book about her, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. The disagreement is said to be so severe Britney initially refused to be present when her younger sister Jamie Lynn gave birth earlier this month because she didn't want to see Lynne. A source added to Britain's Closer magazine: "Britney feels that just as she is moving forward, her mom is dragging her back."

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Pratt fires back at Mary-Kate

TRASH TALK Hills star Spencer Pratt is flattered that Mary-Kate Olsen commented about his temper to David Letterman recently, *usmagazine.com* reports. "I don't really get why she'd use my name to get press for her little indie film that no one's going to see," he told *Usmagazine.com* Friday. "She should probably focus more on not getting dressed in the dark than on me."

While promoting her indie film The Wackness, Olsen told Letterman that Pratt played soccer at her high school and "he does not have a good temper. He would walk off the field."

But Pratt told Us that Olsen went to Campbell Hall in North Hollywood while he attended Crossroads School in Santa Monica.

"I know I've made it in Hollywood when a famous troll is talking about me on Letterman," Pratt told Us.

"I forgive her, though," he added. "She's had to go through life as the less cute twin, which must be tough."

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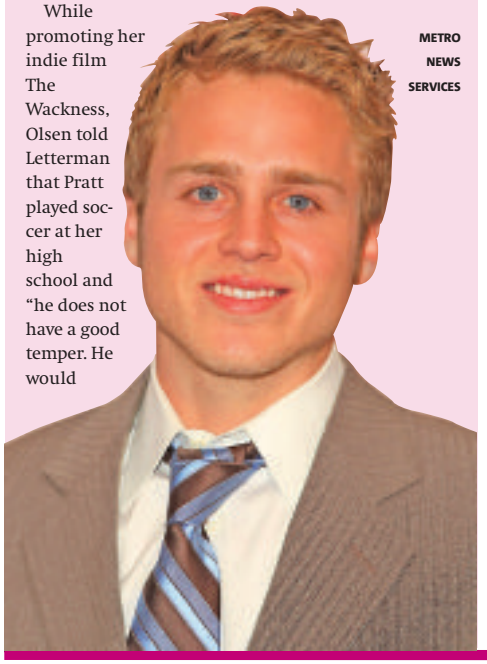

Hatcher makes impression in Kenya

CHARITY Actress Teri Hatcher has raised $35,000 US for children and adults affected by poverty in Kenya, *imdb.com* reports. The Desperate Housewives star and daughter Emerson Rose, 10, presented the donation during a two-week trip to Nairobi. During the trip, Hatcher took her daughter to a boarding school. She says the students "loved my daughter. They would say, 'What subjects do you like in school? What's your hardest subject? What's your favourite thing to do?' We talked about sports. We talked about who likes science — stuff like that."

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Nicole learned her lesson

REMORSE Nicole Richie will never forgive herself for her driving under the influence conviction, *female-first.co.uk* reports. The Simple Life star, who spent just 80 minutes in jail last year after she was caught driving drunk, can't escape the thought she could have killed someone.

"We were watching the news once and they happened to be talking about drunk drivers," she said. "At that moment I literally felt like the worst person in the world.

"That was my first real parent moment."

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Miley still embarrassed by photo shoot

RISQUE PHOTOS Miley Cyrus says she is still recovering from her Vanity Fair photo scandal, where she appeared topless in a shot for the magazine, *us-magazine.com* reports.

"I was embarrassed ... but also it's like, every career thing that I do can't be perfect, and sometimes my decisions are wrong," she tells Billboard in a new interview. "It still hurts when I think about it." She says she is "super blessed" that she is a role model for young girls.

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Don't judge Lindsay by what she wears

FASHION Lindsay Lohan believes people judge her mental state by the clothes she wears, *female-first.co.uk* reports. The actress is reportedly tired of being judged on her appearance.

"What you wear can tell a thousand stories," she said.

"But those stories aren't always correct. If I'm dressing down and look untidy people always think something bad is going on.

"But if I'm in heels and a great top, suddenly I'm back on board again. It's ridiculous."

The 21-year-old actress insists she tries to ignore the negative comments about her appearance, and always just wears what she wants.

"Sometimes people say that I wear too many leggings, but I don't care. I've always been pretty trapped into my sense of style and that's always been important," she said.

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Celebrity brief

SETTLEMENT Leonardo DiCaprio has settled a court battle over the construction of a basketball court at his Hollywood home, *imdb.com* reports. The Titanic star was sued by neighbours Ronald and Joan Linclau last May for allegedly causing damage to their property. The legal dispute has now been solved according to a notice of settlement filed with the Los Angeles Superior Court.

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Celebrity brief

PARENTHOOD Minnie Driver says the father of her unborn baby will play a big part in their child's upbringing, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. The actress — who has so far refused to reveal the identity of the child's dad — insists the mystery man will be involved in all the important parental decisions. Driver is due to give birth in August.

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